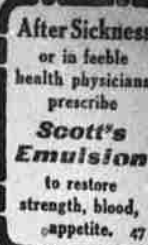




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JUDGE ROBERSON'S SIDE OF CONTEST.

Statement Issued to Set Himself Right
Before the Public.

Concerning his contest with Judge Butler for the Circuit Judgeship of their district Judge Roberson has published the following card in the Courier-Journal:

Pikeville, Ky., Dec. 27, 1913.—In your issue of the 25th instant there appears an article from this place in regard to the decision of the contest case between John F. Butler and myself for the office of Circuit Judge of this judicial district, which decision was rendered by Judge J. K. Layman, of Elizabethtown, Ky., as special judge, in which decision he declared the election of November, 1912, so far as it affected the judgeship, void. The article, after giving reasons for Judge Layman's decision, concludes as follows: "Judge J. M. Roberson, the plaintiff, did not claim that he was elected, but contended that on account of the use of money the election of Butler was irregular." The above statement is true in so far as concerned. But it is not true I did not claim to be elected. My petition contesting Mr. Butler's election sets out the fact that I received more legal votes than he did, and that I was elected to the office of Circuit Judge. The petition also charged bribery against Mr. Butler a fact he did not charge me with. Proof was taken upon both charges, and I believe the proof, as it now stands, discloses that I received more legal votes than Mr. Butler and was elected, but for some reason unknown to me this phase of the case was not presented to or urged before Judge Layman, as I am informed, although it was clearly understood by me that this would be done; and so believing, I did not give perhaps the close attention I otherwise would have done. I really did not know that this had not been done until after Judge Layman's decision. It was quite a surprise to me when I learned from friends it had not been done. I make this statement over my own signature, and ask that you give it a place in your columns that I may be placed in my true position in this matter before the public.

J. M. ROBERSON.

Milton Elderman Passed Away.

Mrs. H. P. Elderman, of E. Green-up avenue, received a telegram Christmas morning bearing the sad news that her son Milton, who was recently operated on for appendicitis at Big Sandy, Montana, where he and his wife and son went seven years ago for his health, had died Wednesday night at 5 o'clock. His father, who left earlier in the week for Big Sandy, did not reach his bedside before the end came.

The remains are now enroute to Ashland for burial. Mrs. Elderman before marriage, was Miss Clara Rose.

Before going West Mr. Elderman, who was born in 1885, was employed with Kitchen, Whit & Co. He was a young man of splendid worth and happy, friendly disposition and his demise will cause much sorrow wherever he was known.—Ashland Independent.

Interment was held in Ashland cemetery on Monday last.

BIG BLAZE AT BUFFALO, W. VA.
Gallipolis, O., Dec. 29.—The business section of Buffalo, W. Va., 16 miles east of here, was totally destroyed by fire of mysterious origin to-day. Estimated loss at \$125,000. Insurance was small.

ABLE TO LEAVE HOSPITAL.

Mrs. John Mead, of the Spurlock fork of Beaver creek, has recovered from the recent severe operation performed upon her at Riverview and is at the home of Lee Roberts, on Lock-ave.

REPORTED FIRE AT DINGUSS.

It is reported that on Tuesday of last week the big hotel at Dinguss, W. Va., was entirely destroyed by fire. It was located near the N. and W. depot which was not injured.

SIX FOR BRIDE— SEVEN FOR GROOM.

Catlettsburg, Dec. 27.—A marriage permit of unusual interest issued today at the County Clerk's office was that of L. B. Maynard, of Wayne county, W. Va., and Rebecca Wilson, of Cabell county. The bride, who gave her age as forty years, has six times been married, while the groom, who is 31 years old, claims this is the seventh trial. However, neither party seemed the least inclined to discouragement, and acted like a couple of sixteen summers, launching out on their first voyage of matrimony.

Judging from this, is matrimony a success or failure? Doubtless Mr. Maynard or his bride could answer this much perplexing question.

AN ADDITION TO THE BIG SANDY NEWS STAFF

B. W. Chaffin is now a member of the Big Sandy News force. His connection started with the new year of 1914. He will devote a good portion of his time to the business department of the paper.

Brad is not a stranger in the NEWS office, having started here when a boy and learned the printer's trade. He resigned his place about three years ago to attend school in Northern Indiana, and afterward accepted a position in daily newspaper work. Recently he has been managing newspaper contests. His varied experience will aid him greatly in his work on the NEWS.

YOUNG LOUISA COUPLE MARRIED

James Hatcher and Miss Brook Vinson
Are the Contracting Parties.

LOUISA PEOPLE MARRIED.

On Tuesday afternoon last Miss Brook Vinson and Mr. James Hatcher, both of this city, were united in marriage at the residence of Bascom Workman, of Fort Bay, the Rev. H. B. Hewlett officiating. Immediately after the ceremony the youthful couple went to the residence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hatcher, in north Louisa. The bride is a very pretty girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vinson, of this city. She is very young, and for this reason there was some objection on part of her parents, but the objection was solely because of their daughter's youth. "Jim" Hatcher is an exceptionally worthy young man. He is an excellent mechanic, commanding and receiving excellent wages. He is sober, honest and industrious and will no doubt care well for his amiable and attractive young wife. Mr. Hatcher had lucrative employment at Jenkins from its beginning and now has remunerative employment on the Beaver creek development.

Well Known Louisian Married.

Miss Marie Wilhoit and Dr. H. W. Fulkerson, of Louisa, were married at the former's home here Christmas eve. Rev. O. W. Stone officiating. It was quite a surprise to Grayson friends and relatives, and this charming young lady will be greatly missed. Congratulations and hearty wishes are offered to this young couple. Mrs. Fulkerson is the daughter of Col. and Mrs. Wilhoit and a member of one of the best families in our town.—Ashland Independent.

The groom is a well known and prominent citizen and physician of this city.

OPERATION FOR APPENDICITIS.

On Sunday last, at Riverview hospital, Dr. York, assisted by Dr. Geo. Conley, of Williamson, and Dr. Ira Wellman successfully operated upon Lizzie Miller, of Webb, for appendicitis. The patient is 12 years old and bore the operation well.

Read this, bud, and see what Luke McLuke says about you: I don't like to knock. But a young man who dolls up in Tango clothes and puts a sweet green bonnet on his conk should remember that charity begins at home before he feeds any peanuts to strange monkeys.

NEW MINING TOWN OF WAYLAND, KY.

All Possible Haste Being Made in Construction of Buildings and Tipples.

The town of Wayland, on upper Beaver creek, now has about 150 houses, built under great difficulties. The erection of additional buildings is going along as rapidly as possible. Five saw mills are cutting from the surrounding woods all the framing lumber required for the buildings. All other material is hauled thirty miles by wagons. 175 company teams, besides numbers hired, were engaged in this work all during the fall months.

The C. and O. railroad line being built from Allen to Wayland is almost completed. Track has been laid nearly half way, but the fills are in bad condition. The tunnels are all finished, but there is a big slide in one of the tunnel entrances.

A bank will be established soon at Wayland. Also a postoffice. There is already a large company store.

People are flocking into Wayland faster than accommodations can be provided for them. The houses are filled to their utmost capacity. Nobody should go there without previously arranging with the management.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD RATE BOYS

In the January American Magazine Charles K. Taylor writes an interesting article entitled "Better Boys," in which he presents new standards for judging your boy's physical development. He divides boys into three classes—the slender type, the medium type and the heavy type—and he gives the standard measurements in each of these divisions for boys of from 9 to 15 years of age. He then shows how delinquent boys in the various divisions can improve and bring themselves up to the proper standards. This system is in practical use in Philadelphia, as the following extracts from Mr. Taylor's article will show:

"In some of the public schools of Philadelphia boys may be seen wearing pretty little buttons on their coats. There are three designs and two qualities of buttons. One, made cheaply of celluloid, is a simplified form of the 'shield' of the United States. Another button, similar in design, has a white ring around it. The third button is well and strongly made of plated metal and enamel, with two rings of plated metal and enamel, with two rings around the design, one white, the other blue.

"Wearing the last button signifies that its wearer has a 'first-class' physique, the second button indicates a 'second-class' physique, and the first button mentioned indicates that the wearer, physically at least, is distinctly 'third rate.'"

"You wouldn't think a boy would wear a button advertising himself as 'third rate,' would you? But he does—for the simple reason that there are very desirable clubs and activities to which a boy from one of these schools cannot belong unless he wears one of the 'League' buttons. So the third rate wears his miserable button until he makes up enough of his physical weakness to get at least into the second-rate class, and finally, if he has energy and ambition enough, into the first class. All this is a part of an experiment in direct character development."

SUDDEN DEATH.

Death that came without warning and which intercepted him Christmas morning while on his way to distribute presents and happiness among his friends claimed Ulrich Burkhardt, aged 78, and one of the best known residents of Greenup-co., Ky. His dead body was found Monday afternoon about 100 yards from the barn on his farm near Greenup. One arm was clasped around the handle of a basket which was filled with Christmas presents that he intended delivering in person, despite his advanced years.

TO PICK SITES FOR KENTUCKY POSTOFFICES.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Dunlap Wakefield, of Louisville, who was recently appointed an Inspector of Public Buildings, was to-day given his assignment by the Supervising Architect of the Treasury. Wakefield is assigned to Kentucky.

Before he finishes his task he will pick sites in Murray, Madisonville, Central City, Elizabethtown, Hodgenville, Falmouth, Eminence, Harrodsburg, Paintsville, Pikeville, Prestonsburg and Barbourville. He will leave for Kentucky tomorrow.

CARTER COUNTY CLERK SUED BY THE STATE.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 19.—Suit was filed in the Franklin Circuit Court by Attorney General Garnett for State Auditor H. M. Bosworth against J. E. McGlone, County Clerk of Carter county, and his bondsmen J. W. Lewis, H. M. Fuls, D. H. Hall, W. S. Castle and A. Pitts, for \$1,099.20, money alleged due the State, with 20 per cent. penalties. This includes \$596.08 fines and forfeitures, \$384.40 executions on replevin bonds and \$119.21 penalties.

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS.

The NEWS extends to its friends and readers a cordial New Year greeting, with many sincere wishes that 1914 may bring health, happiness and prosperity to them and theirs.

BRIDGES ORDERED TO BE BUILT.

C. & O. Railway Makes Generous Gift
to Lawrence County.

At a special term of the Lawrence county Fiscal Court held Tuesday, Dec. 30 considerable attention was given to the consideration of roads and bridges and several of the latter were ordered built. Among them is one to be erected across Blaine creek, at Catalpa. For this bridge the C. and O. railway company has given the piers used by the company before the change was made which put the road where it now runs. It has also given its old roadbed and right of way and the new county road will occupy the ground once used by the C. and O. When the deeds for the gift are made the county court will advertise for bids and let the contract for the erection of a substantial iron bridge at the place mentioned.

Besides the Catalpa structure new iron bridges will be built at the Willis Roberts place on Catt, one at the Fugate branch and one at Lee Garred's, all to be constructed of iron.

DIED NEAR DWALE, KY.

Miss Elizabeth Banks, aged 12 years, 9 months and 11 days, died quite recently near Dwale, Floyd county, of whooping cough and some of its complications. She was the daughter of Joseph and Maggie Banks and was born at Dwale. Miss Elizabeth was an interesting, lovable girl, the idol of her widowed mother and her untimely death is mourned by a large circle of friends. A few months ago her father was thrown from a horse and killed.

SURGICAL CLINIC.

Dr. W. B. McClure, of Lexington, held what might properly be called a surgical clinic at Riverview hospital last Saturday. He operated on Simon and Earl Berry, young sons of Mr. E. C. Berry, and on Ruth, the 8 year old daughter of Dr. Chitt Osborne, all of Blaine. The operations were for the removal of tonsils and adenoids and were successfully done in the presence of Dr. Osborne, and Drs. York, Bromley and Wroten, of this city.

BAD FREIGHT WRECK.

A freight wreck occurred near Fullers last Saturday morning which did a great amount of damage. Nine or ten cars were thrown from the track and much track torn up. The wreck was not cleared until late Saturday night, delaying trains several hours.

GOOD OIL STRIKE IN JOHNSON CO.

Oil News From Other Parts of Kentucky
as Reported to Daily Press.

Barbourville, Ky.—A promising strike in Johnson county, Eastern Kentucky, is a feature of late operations in the Kentucky petroleum field. The well, which looks good for ten or fifteen barrels daily, is in the deep sand, supposed to be the Berea grit. The well is 1000 feet in depth. The new strike indicates an extension of the formation which has been developed in Lawrence, Wolfe, Morgan and other Eastern Kentucky counties. It is the first successful venture in Johnson county and will start other test drilling in that territory, where chances are good for a new field.

In the defined districts of Wolfe, Morgan, Wayne and Ohio counties little outside of routine developments has occurred. No strikes of more than average capacity have been made in any of the districts, the best well of the week being a strike of thirty barrels' capacity at Cannel City, Morgan county. One other completion in that field was a failure, after being taken to the deep sand. Two wells of the pump variety were drilled in Wayne county. No new completions are credited to the Wolfe county field.

In the Northeastern Kentucky pool a well of small capacity was drilled in Lawrence county, being the only strike for the week in that direction. Some new work of importance is getting under way in the Fallsburg section, where a wildcat well, making twenty barrels daily, was recently drilled. This looks like a promising locality for further test work during the winter, as the initial well shows up better than any drilled in the established areas.

In the Western Kentucky counties the week's developments were with significance. One dry hole was completed in the Hartford pool, Ohio county. No new production has been added in that field. The deep test along the Grayson county border is still drilling, and has now attained a depth of 2,100 feet. This is several miles in advance of the developed section of Western Kentucky. Two wells are drilling in Barren county, no late completions being reported. Other centers of drilling at the close of the year are Logan and Allen counties, with the latter showing up well in the light of late results.

For the last nine months the Kentucky crude oil market has been stationary, the prices on the two grades remaining at \$1.35 and 70c. per barrel. At the beginning of the year the two grades commanded \$1.15 and 65 cents per barrel, respectively.—Courier-Journal.

OUT GO REPUBLICANS.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec. 23.—Announcement was made to-day by Internal Revenue Collector Samuel Hays, of three changes in the state revenue officials, Republicans, giving way to Democrats, effective January 1. Levi Jones succeeds J. S. Breckner as deputy collector at Huntington; J. F. Stowers, of Bluefield, will succeed H. S. White as deputy collector at Matewan, and G. C. Garred will succeed L. F. Drake as stamp deputy at Huntington.

WILL MOVE TO OHIO.

G. M. Copley has purchased a farm in Ohio and expects to move to it within a short time. He has sold one piece of his property here to C. F. See. Mr. Copley is commended to the people of his new home as a good citizen, and we wish him success there.

N. AND W. PROMOTIONS.

Bluefield, W. Va., Dec. 30.—C. E. Boone, for the past three years Norfolk & Western timekeeper at this place, has been assigned to special duty, to report to the general manager January 1. Mr. Boone will be succeeded by S. A. Hubbard, who for a number of years has been stationmaster at Bluefield. It has not been announced who will succeed Mr. Hubbard.

CHARLEY FLANERY APPOINTED COLLECTOR.

Mr. C. C. Flanery, of Webbville, this county, has been appointed a Deputy Revenue Collector and has been assigned to duty in several counties in the eastern part of the State. The appointment is a most deserved one and meets with general approbation. For many years Mr. Flanery has been a successful farmer and stock man and bears an enviable reputation for honesty and square dealing. He is intelligent and industrious, and has all the qualities, including coolness and courage, which should characterize a Revenue officer in Eastern Kentucky. He is also a Democrat in whom there is neither variability nor shadow of turning.

ATTEMPTED TO BLOW SAFE.

Robbers attempted to blow the Williamson National Bank at Williamson, W. Va., Friday night. They dynamited the outer doors of the vault but failed to get inside and obtain anything valuable. The damage to the safe and bank fixtures from the explosion is heavy. The job was not discovered until the bank opened next day.

Circuit Court Next Week.

The winter term of the Lawrence Circuit Court will begin next Monday, January 5th. The dockets are full, and the outlook for a busy term is good. Some interesting cases on both dockets are set for trial.

A FATAL CASE OF HYDROPHOBIA.

Price Hall Dies at Catlettsburg from
a Dog Bite.

Catlettsburg, Dec. 24.—Price Hall, aged 50 years, who lived with his wife and brother on Panola street, opposite the residence of Jailer DeBord, this city, died this afternoon, shortly before 2 o'clock, his death being due to hydrophobia, the result of a dog bite suffered last August.

At the time Mr. Hall was bitten he thought nothing of the incident. He later began to have strange attacks but failed to consult a physician.

Saturday the attacks became so severe that a physician was summoned and he at once pronounced the cause "hydrophobia." Since Saturday Mr. Hall has suffered greatly at times it requiring Mr. DeBord and others to keep him in bed.

His actions when suffering a spasm are said to have resembled those of an animal suffering from the "rabies."

CHRISTMAS 1913.

This anniversary of the birth of the Saviour of mankind passed off quietly and uneventfully in Louisa. So far as weather conditions are concerned it is the truth to say that they could not have been worse. In the forenoon it was chilly but only damp. In the afternoon and well into the night before it began to snow the rain poured in very wet and very cold torrents. There was no church service and no public entertainments, but family gatherings were numerous and good cheer abounded. On Christmas eve each of the four churches had the regular tree, all loaded with gifts and beautifully decorated. Several plain and useless drunks were also visible on the festive day and before, and on the day after R. E. Morse was also present.

Chairman Vansant Issues Call.

Ashland, Ky., Dec. 29, 1913.

My Dear Sir:—The Democratic members of the House of Representatives are requested to meet in caucus in the House Chamber of the State House, Frankfort, Ky., on the 5th day of January, 1914, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various offices to be filled by the House and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the said meeting.

Respectfully,
R. H. VANSANT,
Chairman Democratic State Central and Executive Committee.
John W. Woods, Secretary.